



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held September 9, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Burke:

"This will be the 6th year the County of Los Angeles has celebrated Recovery Month. In the past year, 22.2 million people in the United States have faced a substance use disorder, and all deserve to experience the many benefits of recovery. Treatment reduces reported job problems, including incomplete work and absenteeism, by an average of 75%. Treatment is cost effective, with some measurements showing a benefit-to-cost ratio of up to 7:1, with substance use disorder treatment costing \$1,583 per person on average and having a monetary benefit to society of an average \$11,487 for each person treated. It is critical that we educate our community members and local businesses that substance use disorders are a treatable, yet serious health care problem, and by taking steps to address it we can save both lives and dollars."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board joined the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Los Angeles County Recovery Month Planning Partners to recognize September 2008 as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month."

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